AGENDA

Clinical Advisory Panel



October 23, 2002 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM* US Bank Building, 980 Ninth Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room Sacramento, CA

I. IMR Update - HMO Help Center

Objective: To provide a summary of the IMR (independent medical review) system and trends in applications and results; an overview of the current process; and quality assurance efforts.

Facilitator: Tom Gilevich

II. Managed Care and Bariatric Surgery

Objective: To provide an overview of the issues confronting health plans in assessing the medical necessity of surgical interventions in the treatment of obesity.

- **A.** IMR results concerning bariatric surgery a summary of issues and findings to date **Facilitator:** Tom Gilevich
- **B.** Perspectives on bariatric surgery practices **Facilitator:** Walter Lindstrom, Jr., J.D., Obesity Law and Advocacy Center, San Diego
- **C.** Medical necessity assessments of bariatric surgical treatments plan perspectives **Facilitator:** Tom Gilevich
- **D.** Panel member discussion and recommendations for further action

III. Informational Items

- **A.** IMR provider website project implementation. [http://wp.dmhc.ca.gov/imr_info/]
- **B.** Comments regarding Phase I of the report published by The Institute of Medical Quality (IMQ) and the California Health Care Foundation study of IMR in California 1999-2000 [http://www.chcf.org/topics/view.cfm?itemid=19987]
- C. Suggestions for agenda items for next Clinical Advisory Panel meeting tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2002
 Facilitators: Tom Gilevich/Phillis Soresi

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